

AGENDA

City Council Work Session

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Anna City Hall, Council Chambers 111 N. Powell Parkway, Anna, Texas 75409

The City Council of the City of Anna will meet in Work Session at 6:30 PM, on January 10, 2017, at the Anna City Hall, Located at 111 North Powell Parkway (Hwy 5), to consider the following items.

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- 2. Discussion regarding regulations on keeping chickens. (Maurice Schwanke)
- 3. CLOSED SESSION (EXCEPTIONS)

Under Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 551, the City Council may enter into closed session to discuss any items listed or referenced on this agenda under the following exceptions:

The Council further reserves the right to enter into executive session at any time throughout any duly noticed meeting under any applicable exception to the Open Meetings Act.

- 4. Consider/Discuss/Action on any items listed on any agenda—work session, regular meeting, or closed session—that is duly posted by the City of Anna for any City Council meeting occurring on the same date as the meeting noticed in this agenda.
- 5. Adjourn.

This is to certify that I, Carrie L. Smith, City Secretary, posted this agenda at a place readily accessible to the public at the Anna City Hall and on the City Hall bulletin board at or before 5:00 p.m. on .

Carrie L.	Smith, City Secretary	

- 1. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda.
- 2. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meeting Act.
- 3. Persons with a disability who want to attend this meeting who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at 972 924-3325 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



Item No. 2.

City Council Agenda Staff Report

Meeting Date: 1/10/2017

AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion regarding regulations on keeping chickens. (Maurice Schwanke)

SUMMARY:

During the November 8th Council meeting a citizen spoke during the public comment period and requested that the Council change the current regulations regarding the keeping of chickens in residential areas of the City. A councilmember has requested an agenda item to consider and discuss this issue.

Current City regulations allow the keeping of chickens (domestic fowl) on lots or tracts within the City that are at least two acres in size and zoned Agricultural or Single Family Estate. Domestic fowl includes "chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, guineas, squabs, and other domestic fowl of the same approximate size and weight." The maximum number is one bird per 1/8 of an acre (or 8 per acre). In residential zoned areas (2-acres or larger), a maximum of 12 Domestic Fowl may be housed in a single enclosure, and not more than one-quarter may be males.

Staff has reviewed ordinances regarding keeping chickens from neighboring cities. If the Council is interested in changing our current regulations, Staff has drafted an amendment for the Council to consider during its review and discussion of this issue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion only. No action by the Council is required at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Draft Chicken Ordinance	1/5/2017	Ordinance
Chicken Ordinances in Neighboring Jurisdictions	1/4/2017	Backup Material

CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ANNA CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING PART II, ARTICLE IV (ANIMALS), SECTION 6 (REQUIREMENTS OF LIVESTOCK), AND ADDING SECTION 6.08 (HARBORING CHICKENS); PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE NOT TO EXCEED \$2000; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY, AND REPEALING CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Anna, Texas ("the City") has previously adopted ordinances, rules and regulations governing the harboring of livestock and domestic fowl within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anna, Texas City Council ("the City Council") has investigated and determined that it would be advantageous and beneficial to the City and its citizens to amend Part II, Article IV (Animals), Section 6 (Requirements of Livestock), of the Anna City Code of Ordinances ("Anna Code"); and adding Section 6.08 (Harboring Chickens).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNA, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated.

The above-referenced recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full for all purposes.

Section 2. Amendments.

2.01 PART II, ARTICLE IV (ANIMALS), SECTION 6 (REQUIREMENTS OF LIVESTOCK), AND ADDING SECTION 6.08 (HARBORING CHICKENS).

In accordance with Part II, Article I, Section 9 of the Anna Code, the following amendments are made to Part II, Article IV (Animals), Section 6 (Requirements of Livestock), and adding Section 6.08 (Harboring Chickens).

Section 6. Restrictions on Livestock and Domestic Fowl

6.02 Livestock or Domestic Fowl Restricted

Except as authorized under Section 6.08, it shall be unlawful for any Person to Harbor any Livestock or Domestic Fowl, on any lot, premises, or tract within the City except for a lot, premises, or tract that is at least two acres in size and zoned Agricultural, Single Family Estate, or Planned Development and only to the extent that the zoning specifically applicable to such lot, premises, or tract permits Harboring of Livestock or Domestic Foul.

6.03 Numbers of Livestock or Domesticated Fowl Restricted

- (a) On any lot, premises, or tract that is at least two acres in size, it shall be unlawful within the Anna city limits for any Person to Harbor more than:
 - a single Large Livestock animal per one acre and its young up to nine months of age;
 - 2. a single Small Livestock animal per one-half acre; and
 - 3. a single Domestic Fowl animal per one-eighth acre of such premises or tract, except as authorized under Section 6.08.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any Person to Harbor more than an aggregate of 12 Domestic Fowl, in One Enclosure. Additionally, not more than one-quarter of the number of Domesticated Fowl in One Enclosure may be of the male species, unless otherwise restricted under Section 6.08.
- (c) Agricultural zoned properties are exempt under this section, as long as the Person does not Harbor more than can be cared for under sanitary conditions and/or create a nuisance.
- (d) The Person in lawful possession of a lot, premises, or tract, as the owner thereof or the owner's tenant, may Harbor thereon cattle, horses, calves, or foals belonging to others but must still comply with all provisions of this section and abide by its restrictions.
- (e) Any Agricultural zoned premises shall not be operated as a commercial business in violation of any City ordinance.

6.04 Holding Areas

(a) Livestock and Domestic Fowl must be kept within an enclosure, pen, corral, or restrictive area to prevent exit by the Animal(s). The fence posts must not

sway more than six inches when tested by an Animal Control Officer.

(b) A gate for Livestock enclosure shall be mounted on hinges to a solid wall or fence post. Such a gate must connect with another fence post or wall in a manner that Livestock cannot pass through it, and the gate itself must be constructed so that there is not an opening that will allow the Animal(s) to escape the enclosed area. The gate must have a latch or chain attached capable of keeping it closed when tested by an Animal Control Officer.

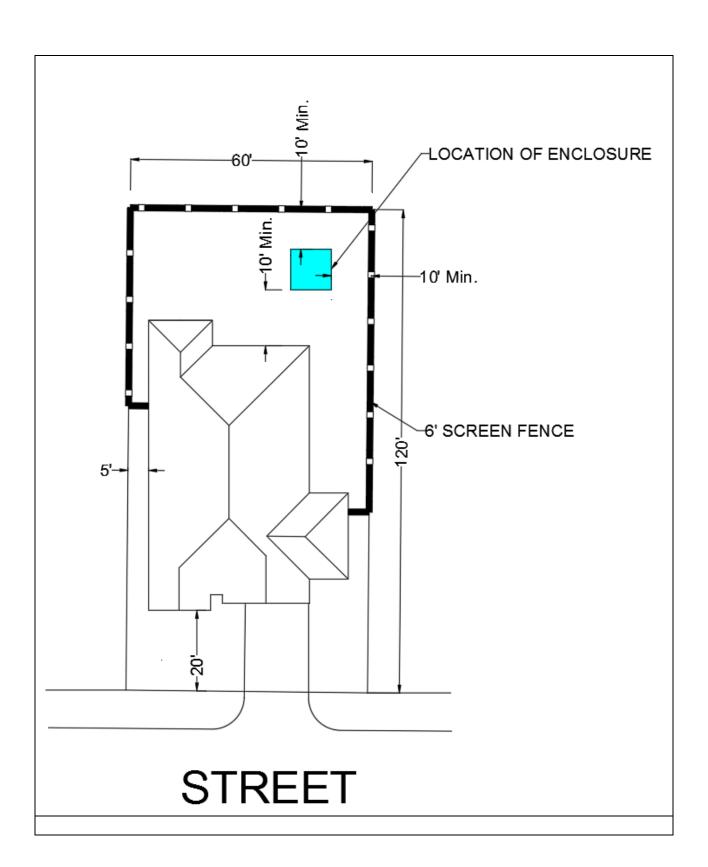
6.05 Proximity to Human Living Quarters

- (a) Except as authorized under Section 6.08, it shall be unlawful for any Person to Harbor on premises within the Anna city limits under his/her control, any Livestock or Domestic Fowl in such a manner that any of same will be quartered closer than 100 feet from any human living quarters measured in a straight line from any direction, whether occupied or unoccupied. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the human living quarters are the living quarters of the Harborer, then the Livestock or Domestic Fowl must not be quartered closer than 20 feet thereto measured in a straight line from any direction.
- (b) Except as authorized under Section 6.08, no Livestock or Domestic Fowl, shall be permitted to graze, forage or otherwise roam within 100 feet of any neighboring dwelling, residence, or structure used for human occupancy, other than that of the Harborer.

6.08. Harboring Chickens

- (a) <u>Harboring chickens is allowed in all residential zoning districts.</u>
- (b) It shall be unlawful to Harbor more than an aggregate of twelve (12) chickens per one (1) enclosure. Only one (1) enclosure shall be permitted on a residential lot that is smaller than one-acre. No more than two (2) enclosures shall be permitted on a residential lot that is between one-acre and two-acres in size. Roosters are prohibited on residential lots that are smaller than two-acres.
- (c) Enclosures shall not be located in the front yard, and shall not be closer than ten (10) feet from any habitable structure, or side or rear lot line (see Exhibit A).
- (d) <u>Harboring chickens in residential districts shall be a secondary or accessory use to the primary residential use of the property.</u>
- (e) <u>Chicken enclosures on lots smaller than two-acres shall be screened at the property line with a 6-foot screening fence (See Exhibit A).</u>

EX	KHIBIT A				



Section 3. Penalty.

Any violation of any of the terms of this ordinance, whether denominated in this ordinance as unlawful or not, shall be deemed a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of any such violation shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$2000 for each incidence of violation. Each violation is considered a separate offense and will be punished separately.

Section 4. Savings, Severability and Repealing Clauses.

All ordinances of the City in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of that conflict. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of such ordinance shall continue in full force and effect the same as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision had never been a part hereof. The City declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. Publication of the Caption Hereof and Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage and upon the posting and/or publication, if required by law, of its caption and the City Secretary is hereby directed to implement such posting and/or publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of 2017.	of Anna, Texas, thisday of
ATTESTED:	APPROVED:
City Secretary, Carrie Smith	Mayor, Mike Crist

City	Lot Size	Zoning	Max Number	Number per	Roosters	Distance
			of Fowl	enclosure	Allowable	from
						Home

Anna	2-Acre	Ag, SF-E, PD	One per 1/8th acre	12	Yes, but with restrictions on number	100 feet
Allen	No restriction	No restriction	4	4	No restriction	20 ft. from property line
Celina	No restriction	No restriction	One enclosure allowed	6	Yes, but lot must be larger than 2 acres	No restriction
Frisco	No restriction	No restriction	12	12	Yes, but lot must be larger than 1 acre	No restriction
McKinney	No restriction	No restriction	12	12	Yes, but only in Agg. District	No restriction
Melissa	No restriction	SF-1, SF-2, SF-3, FM	12	12	Yes, but only 1	No restriction
Princeton	No restriction	No restriction	12	12	Yes, but 1/4 th of population	No restriction
Prosper	No restriction	No restriction	2 for non- Agg.	2	Yes, but only with Agg. exemption	No restriction
Sherman	1-acre	No restriction	10	No restriction	Yes, No restriction	15 ft. from property line

The following pages are excerpts from the surveyed ordinances regarding the keeping of fowl on residential property.

Anna:

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extent that the zoning specifically applicable to such lot, premises, or tract permits Harboring of Livestock or Domestic Fowl.

(Ord. No. 450-2009, adopted 06/23/09)

6.03 Numbers of Livestock or Domesticated Fowl

Restricted

- (a) On any lot, premises, or tract that is at least two acres in size, it shall be unlawful within the Anna city limits for any Person to Harbor more than:
 - (1) Single Large Livestock animal per one acre and its young up to nine months of age;
 - (2) A single Small Livestock animal per one-half acre; and
 - (3) A single Domestic Fowl animal per one-eighth acre of such premises or tract.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any Person to Harbor more than an aggregate of 12 Domestic Fowl in One Enclosure. Additionally, not more than one-quarter of the number of Domesticated Fowl in One Enclosure may be of the male Species.
- (1) Agricultural zoned properties are exempt under this section as long as the Person does not Harbor more than can be cared for under sanitary conditions and/or create a nuisance.
- (2) The Person in lawful possession of a lot, premises, or tract, as the owner thereof or the owner's tenant, may Harbor thereon cattle, horses, calves, or foals belonging to others but must still comply with all provisions of this section and abide by its restrictions.
- (3) Any Agricultural zoned premises shall not be operated as a commercial business in violation of any

City ordinance.

(Ord. No. 450-2009, adopted 06/23/09)

6.04 Holding Areas

- (a) Livestock and Domestic Fowl must be kept within an enclosure, pen, corral, or restrictive area to prevent exit by the Animal(s). The fence posts must not sway more than six inches when tested by an Animal Control Officer.
- (b) A gate for Livestock enclosure shall be mounted on hinges

to a solid wall or fence post. Such a gate must connect with another fence post or wall in a manner that Livestock cannot pass through it, and the gate itself must be constructed so that there is not an opening that will allow the Animal(s) to escape the enclosed area. The gate must have a latch or chain attached capable of keeping it closed when tested by an Animal Control Officer.

(Ord. No. 450-2009, adopted 06/23/09)

6.05 Proximity to Human Living Quarters

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any Person to Harbor on premises within the Anna city limits under his/her control, any Livestock or Domestic Fowl in such a manner that any of same will be quartered closer than 100 feet from any human living quarters measured in a straight line from any direction, whether occupied or unoccupied. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the human living quarters are the living quarters of the Harborer, then the Livestock or Domestic Fowl must not be quartered closer than 20 feet thereto measured in a straight line from any direction.
- (b) No Livestock or Domestic Fowl shall be permitted to graze, forage or otherwise roam within 100 feet of any neighboring dwelling, residence, or structure used for human occupancy, other than that of the Harborer.

Allen:

Sec.3-18 Livestock and Fowl

- "(C) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any fowl, including but not limited to roosters, chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, pigeons or guineas. It shall be a defense to a violation of this subsection (3) if (i) the fowl is kept more than on hundred fifty (150) feet from any property line or (ii) the fowl is a backyard chicken kept in accordance with the Article."
- (H) A person may harbor or possess not more than four (4) backyard chickens on residential property after first having obtained a permit from the City for such location and payment of a one-time permit fee in an amount established from time to time by resolution of the city council. Backyard chickens may not be kept on property, nor may a permit be issued if such property is subject to any deed or home owner association restrictions or covenants that prohibit the keeping of fowl or backyard chickens on such property. Failure to comply with the conditions of this section shall be grounds for revocation of the permit by the City after written notice thereof to the permit holder. The permit holder may appeal the revocation to the city manager, or designee whose decision shall be final. Not more than one permit may be issued for an individual property, tract or residential lot. The permit is nontransferable and terminates in the event the permit holder no longer resides at the property for which the permit was issued or in the event the person ceases to harbor or keep backyard chickens on the property. This subsection (h) shall not supersede, replace or control over any recorded deed restrictions, covenants or other restrictions applicable to such residential property. A person keeping backyard chickens on residential property shall comply with the following:
 - (1) Not more than four (4) backyard chickens may be kept on any one individual property, tract or residential lot;
 - (2) The backyard chickens shall be kept within a secure chicken coop or other similar structure except when being removed to be transported off of the property or returned from a location off the property;
 - (3) The chicken coop or other structure in which the backyard chicken is kept must be located within the rear yard no closer than twenty (20) feet from any property line and at a location which is not visible from any public street;
 - (4) The chicken coop or other similar structure in which the backyard chicken is kept must be;

- a. Constructed in a workmanship like manner of naturally decay resistant wood, or wood that has been pressure treated to resist decay, or galvanized steel or aluminum;
- b. Constructed in such a manner as to be readily movable;
- c. Be stained, sealed or painted on the exterior to provide additional weather protection to the materials of the chicken coop or structure; and
- d. Maintained at all times in good, sound and clean condition.

Celina:

Generally

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or permit the keeping of livestock on premises owned by the person or under his or her control, except in compliance with the following regulations:
 - a. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep livestock on any premises, if the overall area is less than 1/3 acre for each livestock kept, or to keep more than can cared for under sanitary conditions and not create a public nuisance.

(2) Adequate fences and barriers.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep on his premises any livestock without providing adequate fences or barriers that will prevent such livestock from escaping and / or damaging neighboring flowers, trees, shrubbery and/or other property located on adjacent property. It shall be rebuttable presumption that such fences or barriers are inadequate for the designated purpose, if livestock escapes from the premises. This presumption is rebuttable and shall have the effects and consequences set forth in the Texas Penal Code 2.05, amended. A fence or barrier may include, but is not limited to, electronic barriers, whether underground, electrified wiring, or the erection of any structure of wood or wire, wood and wire, masonry or any other material, whether it encloses land on all sides or only on one or more sides, which is intended to prevent the passage of livestock. Such a fence or barrier is the means by which the land is enclosed so as to prevent the ingress and egress of livestock, and to make a complete enclosure that is sufficient, in usual circumstance, to turn livestock of ordinary habits and disposition.

"Sec. 2.05.008 Keeping fowl

Except for exotic birds not raised, kept or harbored for commercial purposes, it shall be unlawful to keep more than an aggregate of 6 fowl per one (1) enclosure. Only one (1) enclosure shall be permitted per residential lot. Roosters shall only be permitted on residential lots of two (2) acres or more. (Ordinance 2013-23 adopted 8/13/13)"

Frisco:

"Sec. 14-17 Fowl

A) It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of gallinaceous fowl to keep or harbor more than 12 gallinaceous fowl in one enclosure, none of which may be male.

- a. It shall be affirmative defense to prosecution under subsection (a) for an owner or custodian of gallinaceous fowl to keep or harbor male gallinaceous fowl if the premises where such male gallinaceous fowl are kept or harbored in one acre or more in size
- B) "One enclosure" as that term is used herein shall be held to mean any and all connected buildings, whether under one roof or otherwise, and buildings and sheds which may have entrances to the same or adjoining lot or lots with a gateway or other opening between them."

(Ordinance 08-01-06, sec. 17, adopted 1/15/08; Ordinance 15-10-76, sec. 2, adopted 10/6/15)

McKinney:

Sec. 26-43. - Keeping of fowl, rabbits and guinea pigs restricted.

- (a) Enclosure requirements. Fowl, rabbits, and guinea pigs must be kept indoors, or if outdoors, in a secure pen or enclosed yard. Litter and droppings from these animals must be collected and disposed of in accordance with this chapter; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to ducks or other waterfowl inhabiting natural or manmade watercourses or bodies of water.
- (b) Number of rabbits and guinea pigs. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly be in possession of more than 12 rabbits or guinea pigs, or combination of each, on any premises in the city.
- (c) Regulation of fowl. Roosters are banned within the corporate limits of the city except for areas zoned or designated for agricultural purposes, and are declared to be nuisances under V.T.C.A., Local Government Code ch. 217 when located in residential districts.
- (d) Number of fowl. Except for exotic birds not raised, kept, or harbored for commercial purposes, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to maintain, own, or control any premises within the city limits where more than an aggregate of 12 fowl are kept or harbored in one enclosure; provided further, however, that not more than one-fourth of the maximum allowable number of such animals may be of the male of the species. "One enclosure" as that term is used herein shall be held to mean any and all connected buildings, whether under one roof or otherwise, and buildings and sheds that may have entrances to the same or adjoining lot or lots with a gateway or other opening between them.
- (e) Ducks, turkeys, geese and peacocks prohibited. It shall be unlawful to own or keep ducks, turkeys, geese, or peacocks within the corporate city limits except in agricultural zoned districts, lakes or other natural or manmade watercourses or bodies of water, and public park lands.

Melissa:

ARTICLE 2.800 - NO LIMITATION ON NUMBERS OF CERTAIN ANIMALS

From and after the effective date of this article it shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor within the city limits of the City of Melissa, Texas, pet and/or domestic animal other than herein provided in any one (1) household within a residential zoned area zoned SF-1, Single Family Residential District-1; SF-2, Single Family Residential District-2; SF-3, Single Family Residential District-3; or FM-Multi-Family Residential District, zoned under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Melissa, Texas.

Fowl. Fowl must be contained in an appropriate sized area. A maximum of twelve (12) mature birds with a limit of one (1) male are permitted. Peacock and guinea are prohibited.

Exceptions.

(a)

Current residents as of the date of the adoption of this article that exceed the animal limits are granted exception for animals currently owned.

(b)

Residents of newly annexed areas to the City of Melissa that exceed the animal limits are granted exception for animals currently owned at date of annexation.

ARTICLE 2.1000 - FOWL TO BE PENNED OR CAGED

(a)

It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, or is in control, or in charge of any fowl within the city limits to allow, cause or permit such fowl not to be enclosed in a pen or cage.

(Ord. 13 adopted 7-7-81, Sec. 1)

(b)

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who owns or is in control or in charge of any pen or enclosure within the city limits to allow cause or permit such pens or enclosures not to be drained and all offal removed so as to create offense odor or smell.

Princeton:

Sec. 10-8. - Fowl.

(a)

Except for exotic birds not raised, kept or harbored for commercial purposes, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to maintain, own or control any premises within the city limits where more than an aggregate of 12 fowl are kept or harbored in one

enclosure. Provided further, however, that not more than one-fourth of the maximum allowable number of such animals may be of the male of the species.

The term "one enclosure," as it is used herein, shall be held to mean any and all connected buildings, whether under one roof or otherwise, and buildings, whether under one roof or otherwise, and buildings and sheds which may have entrances to the same or adjoining lot or lots with a gateway or other opening between them.

(Ord. No. 88-006, § 15, 8-16-1988)

Prosper:

Regulation of Fowl:

- A) Roosters are banned within the corporate limits of the Town except for properties with an Agricultural property tax exemption, and are declared to be nuisances under Texas Local Government Code Ch. 217, as amended, when located in residential districts.
- B) Number of Fowl. Except for exotic birds raised, kept, or harbored for commercial purposes, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to maintain, own, or control any premises within the Town limits where more than an aggregate of 2 fowl are kept or harbored in one enclosure except for properties with an Agricultural property tax exemption. "One enclosure" as that term is used herein shall be held to mean any and all connected buildings, whether under one roof or otherwise, and buildings and sheds that may have entrances to the same or adjoining lot or lots with a gateway or other opening between them.

Sherman:

Sec. 2.01.011 Fowl in residential areas

- (a) It shall be unlawful to keep or cause to be kept more than ten (10) fowl including but not limited to chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks or pheasants regardless of age, breed or sex on any lot, tract or parcel of land of less than one (1) acre within the city.
- (b) Fowl must be contained within a pen or enclosure at all times. Enclosures and pens shall be located a minimum of fifteen (15) feet inside the property line of the keeper, owner or possessor of such fowl.
- (c) Upon inspection, a seven-day notice of a violation of this section shall be sent to the owner or occupants of a particular tract of land found to be in violation. If the violation is not cured within the fourteen (14) days, a civil fine may be levied by the city. A violation of this section shall cause a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and no more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each day the violation continues.

(Ordinance 5883 adopted 6/15/15)

Sec. 2.01.013 Fowl running at large

It shall be unlawful for any person in control of any turkey, goose, chicken or domesticated fowl to permit the same to run at large within the limits of the city. (1991 Code, sec. 4-10)